

**CITY OF GREENACRES  
COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM  
2016.03MT6.004**

**TO:** Mayor & City Council

**THROUGH:** Andrea McCue, City Manager

**FROM:** Michele Thompson, Director of Leisure Services

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14 – Lowe’s Community Partners Grant

**DATE:** April 5, 2016

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**Background:**

Lowe’s Community Partners grant program helps build better communities by providing monetary assistance to nonprofit organizations and municipalities looking for support of high-need projects such as: building and grounds renovations/upgrades/improvements, safety improvements and technology upgrades.

Grants range from \$2,001 to \$100,000, with most projects approved within the \$10,000 and \$25,000 range. Another area of assistance for applicants is the Lowe’s Heroes employee volunteer program in which Lowe’s can provide grant recipients labor to complete approved projects. Applicants are encouraged to meet with their local store manager to see if this is a possibility before applying.

**Analysis:**

The Youth Programs Division wishes to submit a grant request for \$7,246 to be used in FY2016 to purchase eight (8) new computers to replace older non-functioning computers that were obtained through a grant from the Children’s Services Council over 9 years ago. Youth Programs currently has 139 participants enrolled (92-C.A.R.E.S, 23-Cool Zone, and 24-Hot Spot), many students do not have access to a home computer and are in desperate need of computers to complete homework assignments and school projects. The grant request must be submitted by May 23, 2016 and requires City Council approval.

**Financial:**

The Youth Programs division wishes to purchase eight (8) Dell OptiPlex 3240 All-in-One XCTO Desktop Computers with 5 years of hardware support and onsite service. Each computer costs \$905.75 for a total cost of \$7,246. This make and model computer is recommended by the City’s IT Division.

**Legal:**

The Resolution has been prepared in accordance with all City Code requirements.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Approval of Resolution No. 2016-14 authorizing the Youth Programs Division to submit the on-line Lowe's Community Partners grant request to be used in FY 2016.

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Michele Thompson  
Director of Leisure Services

Attachments: Resolution No. 2016-14  
Exhibit A – A blank copy of the on-line Lowe's Grant application